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WE WILL NOW TAKE A ONE-HOUR LUNCH BREAK.

AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, THE BROADCASTING CLUB WILL BE DOING A CONFESSION SERVICE.

Tune In to the Midnight Heart

CHATTER

WOW, WHY DON'T WE GIVE IT A TRY?

CHATTER

THE ONE WHERE THEY'LL CONFESS FOR YOU IF YOU'RE TOO SHY TO DO IT, RIGHT?

CHATTER

OH, IT'S THE EVENT THE FLIER TALKED ABOUT!

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A CONFESSION, PLEASE HEAD TO THE EMPTY CLASSROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE MAIN BUILDING...

...I DON'T KNOW IF I WANT TO BE THE FIRST TO CON-FESS...

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IT DOES SOUND LIKE FUN, BUT...

SHINOBU UZUKI
ASPIRING ANNOUNCER

BFFT

"IT'S SHINDO-KUN FROM CLASS 2-A."

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"I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU..."

"...EVER SINCE YOU TALKED TO ME AT THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY."

"IF YOU KNOW WHO I AM...

"AND WANT TO ACCEPT MY CONFES-SION..."

"...WOULD YOU STAND UP FOR ME?"

WE WILL NOW BEGIN THE FIRST CONFESSION.

"THERE'S SOMEONE I'VE LOVED ALL THIS TIME."

"THAT'S ALL FOR MY CONFESSION."

WHOOO

WOW, THEY'RE ALL REALLY HYPED ABOUT IT!

I GUESS EVERYONE IS JUST THAT INTO ROMANCE.

NENE HIMEKAWA
ASPIRING VOICE ACTRESS

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OOPS! MY BAD!

KEEP THE CURTAINS CLOSED, NENE.

IF WE LET SUNLIGHT IN, IT'LL REVEAL THE PARTICIPANTS' FACES.

RIKKA INOHANA
ASPIRING SINGER

YOU CAN JUST TELL...

...THAT SHINOBU'S IDEA HAS REALLY CAUGHT ON.

WELL, IT IS SHINOBU'S EVENT, TECHNICALLY.

BUT OUR EVENT IS A MAJOR HIT, RIGHT?!

WE'RE GONNA BE PARTYING TONIGHT.

ARE WE AWESOME OR WHAT?!

IKO KIRINO
ASPIRING VTUBER

OUR CONFESSION SERVICE IS JUST THE PERFECT WAY TO CONVEY THEIR FEELINGS.

YOU WANT TO CONFESS NOT WITH LETTERS OR TEXT MESSAGES, BUT RATHER, YOUR OWN VOICE.

HOWEVER, SOME PEOPLE ARE JUST TOO SHY TO CONFESS DIRECTLY.

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...DO YOU TWO WANNA MAKE A CONFESSION, TOO?

OH, I MEAN...

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...
HUH?! I-I KNOW, OKAY?!
...IT'S NOT LIKE IT HAS TO BE A *LOVE* CONFESSION OR ANYTHING.
ME TOO.
WELL, I DO HAVE SOME STUFF I JUST CAN'T SAY TO SOMEONE FACE TO FACE.
BUT... I'D LIKE TO TELL HIM THAT I'M SORRY.
I-IT'S NOT LIKE I CARE WHAT HE THINKS OF ME...
BUT I OFTEN BUTTED HEADS WITH HIM OUT OF EMBARRASS-MENT...
THERE'S THIS ONE PERSON WHO DID HIS BEST TO HELP ME...

I WAS BEING REALLY COLD TO SOMEONE.

SOMETHING I WANT TO CONFESS... RIGHT.

...AND SING FOR THEM WHILE ALSO PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT?

HEH HEH. HE PROBABLY WON'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, THOUGH.

YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE ALL-TALK AND NO ACTION, AREN'T YOU?

I WANT TO TELL HIM HE WASN'T TO BLAME...

AND THAT IT WAS **ALL MY FAULT.**

WHAT?! H-HEY!

I DON'T SEE WHY I SHOULD DO AS YOU SAY.

I DO.

I WAS VOICE CHATTING WITH SOMEONE...

HMM...

DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO CONFESS?

I WANNA, UH... I WANNA TELL HIM NOT TO WORRY ABOUT IT!

TO SMILE NORMALLY IN FRONT OF SUCKY!

I SHOULD BE ABLE...

H-HUM? THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT!

IF I HIDE MY FACE...

BLUUUSH

...BUT I JUST STOPPED TALKING OUT OF NOWHERE AND CAUSED HIM TO FREAK OUT.

HELLO?

TALK TO ME!

R-RIGHT!

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FWIP

L-LOOK, EVEN MORE PEOPLE HAVE SHOWN UP! WE NEED TO ASSIST THEM!

HUSH

CHATTER

OH, COME ON! IT WAS GETTING SO GOOD!

CHATTER

HUH? DID THEY JUST STOP BROADCAST-ING?

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I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE ACTION!

IS THERE AN ISSUE WITH THE EQUIPMENT? THIS ISN'T GOOD...

CHATTER

CHATTER

HMM?

YOU CAN JUST EAT THEM WHILE YOU'RE RUNNING!

BUT YOU ONLY HAVE THE APPLE SLICES LEFT!

DASH

EXCUSE ME, GENTLEMEN! PLEASE SAFEGUARD MY LUNCHBOX FOR ME!

HUH? WHY?

IT JUST STOPPED WORKING! WHAT DO I DO?!

BROAD-CASTING ROOM (TEMP.)

MAKING YOUR FRIENDS GUARD SOME FRIGGING APPLE SLICES IS RUDE, TOO!

Think of all the farmers who worked hard to grow them!

THAT'D BE RUDE TO ALL THOSE APPLES!

WE DID GET NEW EQUIPMENT...

...BUT NOT EVERYTHING HAS BEEN REPLACED YET.

IT'S PROBABLY MESSING WITH THE OLD EQUIPMENT AND CAUSING IT TO MALFUNCTION...

UGH. I JUST DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS!

IF I TRY TO FIX IT, I MIGHT BREAK EVEN MORE STUFF!

IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS FOR ME.

I ALWAYS COME UP SHORT WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE.

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OH NO...

I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO CRY...

THUD

TEARY

IT'S JUST LIKE...

...WHAT YOU SAID...

BWAM

SHINO-BU!

IS EVERY-THING OKAY?!

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...RIGHT WHEN THE EVENT IS HEATING UP...

THE EQUIPMENT STOPPED WORKING...

OH BOY. WELL, WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO CRY IN THIS SITUATION, REALLY?!

EVERY-ONEEE...

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HMM... YEAH, I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

WHAT IS THE GOFER BOY DOING?!

WHAT DO WE DO?

THE WAITING ROOM IS PACKED WITH PEOPLE WHO WANT TO CONFESS.

THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE...

FOR NOW? BUT THE LUNCH BREAK IS GONNA END!

...PUT THE EVENT ON HOLD FOR NOW.

I'M AFRAID WE'LL HAVE TO...

YOU'LL WRECK YOUR THROAT.

DON'T BE ABSURD! NO ONE IS GONNA HEAR YOU UNLESS YOU'RE SUPER LOUD!

SHINOBU, CALM DOWN!

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RATTLE

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I'LL SAY THE CONFESSIONS RIGHT FROM HERE...

...WITH JUST MY NATURAL VOICE!

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BUT...

...IT'LL BE ALL OVER IF WE DON'T DO SOME-THING!

THIS EVENT WILL BE OVER...

PRECISELY.

...IF YOU DON'T HAVE MY SUPERBLY EXCELLENT ASSISTANCE!

CRACKLE

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...BUT THAT'S ONLY...

THAT'S WHAT THIS MEGAPHONE IS FOR.

THE BEST OPTION IS TO DELIVER THE CONFESSIONS DIRECTLY FROM HERE.

I AGREE WITH SHINOBU.

WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN?!

WHAT'S THE MEGA-PHONE FOR?!

SO, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE WE ***PLANNED*** FOR THIS TECHNICAL ISSUE

IN FACT, THE LUNCH BREAK MIGHT END WHILE WE'RE FIXING IT.

WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT'LL TAKE TO FIX THE EQUIP-MENT.

IT'S THE FRUIT OF MY IMPASSIONED COLLABORATION WITH LEMON-SENSEI.

Look!! It's a UFO!! (In unison)

I'M AMAZED HE ACTUALLY LET YOU BORROW IT.

CRACKLE

YEAH, I ACTUALLY GOT IT FROM SAMEJIMA-SENSEI.

I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN THAT MEGAPHONE BEFORE...

WE CAN'T LET THE EXCITEMENT DIE DOWN...

HURRY! THE EVENT'S PARTICIPANTS ARE WAITING!

HUG
HUG

THANK YOU, YAMABUKI-KUN!

YOU REALLY ARE RELIABLE... YOU'RE JUST SO AWESOME!

WHISPER

I'M YOUR **PARTNER IN CRIME.** THIS IS THE LEAST I CAN DO.

COME ON, GET BACK TO WORK! WE'RE PRESSED FOR TIME HERE!

WOOSH

R-RIGHT! SORRY!

UH, WE'LL NOW BE USING A MEGAPHONE ...

TO

CRACKLE

...INSTEAD OF THE P.A. SYSTEM, AND DELIVER THE CONFESSIONS DIRECTLY TO YOU ALL!

CHATTER

What's going on?

SWISH

HUFF

"I LOVE YOU!"

"MIHARA-KUN FROM CLASS 3-A."

CHATTER

OH? THEY'RE DOING IT DIRECTLY!

CHATTER

CHATTER

THEY'RE SWITCHING THINGS UP, HUH?

OKAY, LET'S GO BACK TO THE WAITING ROOM.

LOOKS LIKE IT ALL WORKED OUT SOMEHOW.

HUH? WHERE'S YAMABUKI-KUN?

CHATTER

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DAMN IT! MIHARA OF ALL PEOPLE?!

"I FIRST SAW YOU AT THE LIGHT MUSIC CLUB'S MEETING..."

IT'S LIKE I'M GETTING A CONFES-SION FROM UZUKI-SAN HERSELF!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO IT IS?!

CHATTER

"IF YOU KNOW WHO I AM..."

"...I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU THERE AFTER SPORTS DAY IS OVER."

You're only noticing it now?

What is with this broadcast?

"THAT'S ALL I WANT TO SAY."

WOW, ANOTHER ONE ALREADY?!

DASH

OH, RIGHT! WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN WAITING ALL THIS TIME...

KNOCK KNOCK

I-I MANAGED TO PULL IT OFF!

I GUESS DOING IT THIS WAY IS FINE, TOO.

OKAY! SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!

WHO DO YOU WANT TO CONFESS TO?

THE ONE I WANT...

...TO CONFESS TO IS...

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